GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL BOOK POLICY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a representation from the Federation of Indian Publishers, New Delhi,for laying down of a National Books Policy, reduction and subsidization of postage on Book Post and V.P.P . for books; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): The suggestions of Federation of IndianPublishers on national book policy and reduction and subsidization of postage on Book Post and VPP for books were considered bythe Committee on Promotion of Reading Habits and Developmentof Book Publishing Industry set up by the Governmentunder the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Secondary Education & Higher Education. The National Book Trust,India has been designated by the Committee as the nodal agency to prepare a draft document on the policy and programmes covering all aspects of book publishing after wide-ranging consultations.